

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

We welcome this month: New Residents

Mr. Anguish, 33 Otter Close ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Craft, 59 Acorn Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Pollard, 14 Oatlands Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Thrift, 12 Acorn Avenue. ✓

School Bookings

In view of the increased number of bookings at Bar Hill School will anyone wishing to hire please make written application at least two weeks before the event. Please state requirements, e.g. Hall, Classroom. The period of time for which the accommodation is required should also be stated.

M. Parrott

Playgroup

The playgroup will be starting again on 14th September in the school, but will be moving into a hut to be provided by the developers during the term. Further details of the move will be given to members when they are known.

A collection for the Jumble stall will be made during the week of 14th September.

The playgroup will be selling Christmas cards this year to raise funds, and members of the Committee will be calling on every house in Bar Hill to take orders during September.

Bar Hill P.T.A.

Mr. S. R. Wrench, the local education authority's Senior Advisory Teacher for Remedial Education will be coming to speak to the P.T.A. in the school on Thursday, 24th September. He is an expert on the subject of learning to read, and this is what he will be talking to us about on that evening. There will be an opportunity for discussion afterwards.

Child Welfare Clinic

The clinic is held on the first Thursday of each month (except August), at 2.30 p.m. in the school. Welfare foods are on sale, and the doctor and Health Visitor are in attendance.

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 2nd September at 7.45 p.m. in the school. We are holding a Holiday Slides Evening, and if anyone has any slides which they think members would like to see, please bring them along.

Music

Is there anybody in Bar Hill interested in music, and in forming a chamber group to play classical music? All those with experience of a musical instrument - no matter how rusty they are - please telephone Crafts Hill 551.

Evening Classes

There is again a very full and varied programme of evening classes this winter, run by Swavesey Village College. Enrolment takes place at Swavesey on Tuesday, 15th September, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., and copies of the prospectus can be obtained from the Adult Tutor, Mr. Gent (Tel. Swavesey 373).

There are College buses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and on the enrolment evening, which call at Bar Hill (outside the supermarket) at 7.02 p.m., and return at 9.35 from Swavesey. Three classes are being held in the Village again this year: Ladies' Keep Fit (Mon.); Drama and Dressmaking (both Tues.) 7.30 in School.

Mr. Hartman

The new General Manager of Bar Hill for Bar Hill Developments, Mr. Hartman, will shortly be moving into the Village with his family to take up residence here. Mr. Hartman feels that, as a resident himself, he will be able to appreciate the viewpoint of Villagers, as well as that of the Developers. We would like to wish him well in his new appointment and his new home.
(See page 3.)

The Fox

The official opening of the pub in Bar Hill is due to take place on Friday, 11th September.

Bar Hill Church Centre
Newcomers

The working evening for the soft toys is on Friday, September 18th at the home of Mrs. Jean Prandy, 15 Acorn Avenue. Please come along, and bring material, scissors, etc.

On Tuesday, 15th September there will be a coffee morning at Mrs. Pamela Lakin's home, 22 Almond Grove. There will be a "Nearly New" stall, and sale of oil paintings and pot plants. Entrance fee 1/- (coffee and biscuits), children 6d.

The "Newcomers" was formed to help to get to know other women in the village; if you would like to come along to one of the meetings, please do so, or contact: Mrs. H. Fudge, 22 Acorn Avenue (Tel. Crafts Hill 315);
or Mrs. M. Neill, 1 Otlands Avenue, (Tel. Crafts Hill 205).

Elaine

The telephone number given in the current directory is the old Madingley number; for appointments please ring Crafts Hill 522.

Telephone Numbers

As new residents move in, or as new telephones are installed, there will probably be several Crafts Hill subscribers whose numbers are not shown in the current directory. If your number is not given, and you would like us to print it in the Newsletter for the benefit of other residents, please let us know, at Crafts Hill 551.

Appeal to Parents

We would all agree, and feel glad, that Bar Hill is an unusually safe place for young children: no through roads, and comparatively little traffic from outside. Even so, resident motorists have been alarmed - and one of them has asked us to print this appeal - to find how completely some toddlers and small children disregard motor cars, when playing outside in the road.

We are therefore asking parents to train their children to keep to the kerbside as vehicles approach - and above all, to discourage them by all possible means from playing "chicken"! (Obviously, they are going to need all the road sense we can teach them, once outside the Village.)

Resident motorists appreciate the danger and are careful, but the same cannot always be said for drivers coming in from outside.

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Mr. Hartman has asked us to include the following article, which we are glad to do:

May I introduce myself to the residents of Bar Hill Village. My name you probably know already, my position is General Manager of Bar Hill Developments Ltd. under Mr. K. C. Nunn of Messrs. J. Nunn and Sons of Ipswich Ltd.

I was invited by Mr. Nunn to come to Bar Hill to make this development into one of the most sought-after areas to live in, in the county of Cambridgeshire. This I intend to do.

When I first set foot on this development I obtained the initial impression of:

(a) isolation; (b) desolation; and (c) stagnation,

without having at that time received any information about the controversy over this new village. It is now my intention to alter completely the fallacy that to live in Bar Hill one must either have two heads or be incapacitated in some other form.

I believe, in the past, there has probably been some cause for rumours to be created to the effect that Bar Hill was either a white elephant, a ghost town, or an outcasts' paradise, or whatever else outsiders cared to call it. Having now been on site for one month, it is clearly evident that Bar Hill is none of these things and that within the next three years there will be many people regretting the day they made their decision not to take up residence in the village.

My experience of developments is one that has proved over the years that initial concepts should not be sneered at until the embryo stage has passed and the basic thoughts, designs and hopes have been allowed to materialise into actual fact via mortar, bricks and landscaping. We are now at the turning point of that embryo stage, and I guarantee to do everything in my power to prove that Bar Hill will become one of, if not the most, popular residential area in Cambridgeshire.

"Rome was not built, etc.," and with the proposed expansion of development and forthcoming amenities, i.e. golf course, motel, village green, village park, further shop expansion, church, petrol filling station and car showrooms, bus service, flyover and better landscaping, this village of ours will not be sneered at in the future. Finance is obviously a determining factor on any development and with increasing sales so will come expansion and the above-mentioned amenities. To obtain sales one has to build to a higher specification and sell at a more reasonable price than one's competitors. This requires 100% supervision, and this again I intend to give to obtain a better sales record, and ultimately, of course, obtain more quickly the facilities as mentioned above and obviously required by yourselves.

My family and myself will become residents at the end of October and by so doing will of course become integrated into the Bar Hill community. This in itself will bring me closer to the village, thereby allowing an insight into the internal affairs of Bar Hill.

To carry out my responsibilities to the full, I must obviously ask you all for your co-operation. At times, I will have unpleasant duties to perform and when these occasions arise, please remember that 95% of these occasions will have been created by you, and any contact made with you under these circumstances will not be undertaken with relish, but will have been made necessary legally or for the benefit of the residents of Bar Hill.

Maintenance items are outstanding on some properties, I know. These will all be dealt with and every legitimate item will be rectified. However, a few items of complaints I have received and have noted in my files are not items covered under the usual heading of "maintenance" and do not constitute maintenance within a developer's liability or within the NHBC jurisdiction. I will, of course, advise you on these, but may I ask you please to bear with me on this matter as I am working on order of date of occupation (unless an emergency arises) and cannot alter this schedule if the residents concerned require my personal attention.

I am considering an internal mini-bus scheme into and from Cambridge. This would be based on a weekly subscription of 5s. per family with no further outlay, i.e. no fares to pay; therefore the wife or husband could use this service

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as many times a week as required for an all-in cost of 5s., to be based on a two- or three-hourly timetable. To do this it will be necessary in the initial stage for each family to subscribe. If interested, please give your name and address to Mrs. Burry as soon as possible, so that if the support is forthcoming I can go into this matter further.

To conclude, may I invite any one of you who has any queries with regard to your property or the willage, wherever you reside, to make an appointment with Mrs. Burry, my secretary, to discuss these matters with me. If necessary I would be pleased to make evening appointments if I am not previously engaged. Also, if you wish to correspond with my company or head office, it would be advisable to write to me, as all correspondence is being returned to the sales office for my attention and necessary action required.

May I thank you all for your anticipated co-operation and look forward to presumably meeting each and every one of you in due course.

C. W. Hartman,
General Manager,
Bar Hill Developments Ltd.

The Church

A special reminder. Next Sunday, the 6th of September: Family Service at 10 a.m. The address will be given by the Revd. Peter Bolt, Chaplain of the Leys School. Babies and small children will be cared for (as usual) in the Creche.

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